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SUBJECT: SE TURKEY SECURITY INCIDENTS: SEPTEMBER 04 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

¶1. THE FOLLOWING SECURITY INCIDENTS FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 4-10, 2009, WERE COMPILED BY THE SECURITY ASSISTANT AT CONSULATE ADANA FROM RSO SOURCES, TO INCLUDE TURKISH SECURITY CONTACTS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEDIA REPORTS. SIMILAR REPORTS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SHARED INFORMALLY BY E-MAIL. POST IS NOW SENDING THIS INFORMATION IN CABLE FORMAT TO ENSURE WIDER AND MORE REGULAR DISTRIBUTION. THE RSO USES THE INFORMATION TO DETERMINE THE SECURITY SITUATION AND TRENDS OF VIOLENCE AND CRIME THROUGHOUT TURKEY. THE RSO ALSO TRACKS THE INFORMATION BY LOCATION AND SHARES THE INFORMATION WITH THE COUNTRY TEAM AND VISAS VIPER COORDINATOR.

¶2. MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE KURDISTAN WORKERS' PARTY (PKK) AS REPORTED BY THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF:

¶2A. WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AND EQUIPMENT SEIZED:

DIYARBAKIR - 09.07.09: A HAND-MADE LANDMINE MADE OF 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF AMMONIUM NITRATE WAS FOUND AND DESTROYED ON SITE.

SIRNAK - 09.03.09: SECURITY FORCES SEIZED ONE PISTOL (7.62 MM), ONE MAGAZINE, AND THREE HAND GRENADES.

HAKKARI - 09.03.09: SECURITY FORCES SEIZED ONE RPG-7 ROCKET LAUNCHER, ONE BKC MACHINE GUN, NINE KALASHNIKOV INFANTRY RIFLES, TWO MAGAZINES, 29 ROUNDS OF KALASHNIKOV INFANTRY RIFLE AMMUNITION.

SIRNAK - 09.04.09: SECURITY FORCES FOUND AND DESTROYED A LANDMINE.

SIRNAK - 09.03.09: SECURITY FORCES FOUND AND DESTROYED TWO PRESSURE SENSITIVE HAND-MADE LANDMINES.

¶2B. PKK MEMBERS CAPTURED OR SURRENDERED:

SIRNAK - 09.09.09: THREE TERRORISTS SURRENDERED.

BALIKESIR - 09.05.09: SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED ONE PKK MEMBER.
SANLIURFA - 09.07.09: SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED ONE PKK MEMBER.

HAKKARI - 09.09.09: SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED ONE PKK MEMBER.

HAKKARI - 09.10.09: SECURITY FORCES NEUTRALIZED TWO TERRORISTS AND SEIZED TWO KALASHNIKOV INFANTRY RIFLES.

HAKKARI - 09.09.09: SECURITY FORCES NEUTRALIZED ONE PKK MEMBER AND SEIZED ONE M-16 INFANTRY RIFE.

¶3. MEDIA REPORTS ON KURDISTAN WORKERS' PARTY (PKK) AND PRO-KURDISH ORGANIZATIONS

¶3A. PKK ATTACKS:

IT IS REPORTED THAT, DESPITE THE PKK'S INACTIVITY PERIOD, THE ORGANIZATION'S TOP LEVEL HAS ORDERED ITS MEMBERS TO CARRY OUT ACTION ON THEIR OWN PERSONAL INITIATIVE. WITH THIS METHOD, THE ORGANIZATION AIMS TO INCREASE THE MORALE AND MOTIVATION OF ITS

MEMBERS. IN A SECRET REPORT PREPARED BY THE JIT (GENDARME INTELLIGENCE), IT SAYS PKK IS IN PREPARATIONS TO CARRY OUT SENSATIONAL ACTIONS AGAINST MILITARY OUTPOSTS LOCATED BY THE TURKISH-IRANIAN-IRAQI BORDER LINE, IF OCALAN'S ROAD MAP IS NOT APPROVED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO THE JIT'S REPORT, DESPITE THE PKK'S PERIOD OF INACTIVITY, ALMOST 1000 PKKERS HAVE ALREADY INFILTRATED INTO TURKEY. THE REPORT ALLEGEDLY SAID THERE WERE 400 PKKERS IN RURAL AREAS OF SIRNAK-SIIRT, 300 PKKERS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN OF TUNCELI, 250 PKKERS IN RURAL AREAS DIYARBAKIR-ERZURUM-BITLIS, AND 400 PKKERS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS IN HAKKARI.

VAN - 09.10.09: ONE SECURITY PERSONNEL WAS FATTALLY WOUNDED IN A LANDMINE BLAST IN ALBAYRAK VILLAGE OF BASKALE DISTRICT. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TURKISH SOLDIERS KILLED IN THE PAST WEEK IS 11.

TUNCELI - 09.10.09: THREE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION MACHINES BELONGING TO A ROAD WORK COMPANY WERE SET ON FIRE.

VAN - 09.09.09: TWO SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND SEVEN TROOPS WERE WOUNDED IN A LANDMINE BLAST.

HAKKARI - 09.08.09: ONE SECURITY PERSONNEL WAS KILLED.

SIIRT - 09.08.09: FIVE SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND THREE SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED IN A CLASH.

HAKKARI - 09.04.09: ONE CIVILIAN WAS KIDNAPPED BY PKK MEMBERS.

I.B. ANTI-PKK OPERATIONS:

TURKEY WIDE - 01.01.09 - 09.04.09: FORTY-NINE ATTACKS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE PKK USING EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS SINCE THE START

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OF 2009. 158.6 KILOGRAMS OF TNT, 64.1 KILOGRAMS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL, 2091.1 KILOGRAMS OF AMMONIUM/POTASSIUM NITRATE, 42.4 KILOGRAMS OF UNKNOWN PLASTIC MATERIAL, 38 UNITS OF LANDMINE, AND 71 UNITS OF OTHER TYPES OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL WERE SEIZED OR DETONATED SAFELY BY TURKISH ARMED FORCES (TAF) IN THE SAME PERIOD.

TURKEY WIDE - TURKISH ARMED FORCES (TAF) ANTI-PKK OPERATIONS CONTINUE IN HAKKARI (09.08-09-10-11.09), DIYARBAKIR (09.09-10-11.09), VAN (09.09-10-11.09), SIIRT (09.08-09-10.09), BITLIS (09.07.09), AGRI (09.04-07.09), MARDIN (09.04.09), AND HAKKARI (09.04.09).

HAKURK VALLEY OF NORTHERN IRAQ - 09.04.09: BASED ON INTELLIGENCE THAT A GROUP OF PKK MEMBERS WERE LOCATED BY THE IRANIAN AND IRAQI BORDERS, THE AREA WAS BOMBED BY TURKISH ARTILLERY TEAMS.

I.C. ARRESTS:

HAKKARI - 09.10.09: DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY PARTY (DEMOKRATIK TOPLUM PARTISI, OR DTP) MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL MEMBER HAMDI TASKIN AND AN UNSPECIFIED DTP PROVINCIAL MEMBER WERE ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF "ASSISTING AND HARBORING THE TERROR ORGANIZATION PKK."

BINGOL - , 09.10.09: FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PRO-KURDISH YDG-M (PATRIOTIC DEMOCRATIC YOUTH MOVEMENT) WERE ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF "MAKING PROPAGANDA FOR THE TERROR ORGANIZATION PKK," AND "ASSISTING AND HARBORING THE TERROR ORGANIZATION PKK."

CEYHAN IN ADANA - 09.10.09: NINE DTP MEMBERS WERE DETAINED ON A CHARGE OF "COLLECTION OF MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC ON BEHALF OF THE TERROR ORGANIZATION PKK." THE NINE DTP MEMBERS LATER WERE RELEASED BY THE COURT DECISION.

BATMAN - 09.10.09: TWO MEMBERS OF THE PRO-KURDISH BKSM (BAHAR CULTURE AND ART CENTER) WERE ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF "MAKING PROPAGANDA OF THE TERROR ORGANIZATION PKK."

SANLIURFA - 09.09.09: ONE PERSON, WHO JOINED IN NEVRUZ

CELEBRATIONS IN 2007 AND CHANTED SLOGANS IN FAVOR OF THE PKK TERROR ORGANIZATION AND OCALAN, WAS ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF "MAKING PROPAGANDA OF THE TERROR ORGANIZATION PKK."

HAKKARI - 09.09.09: SECURITY FORCES DETAINED FOUR DTP MEMBERS, INCLUDING DTP MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL MEMBER.

SANLIURFA - 09.04.09: SECURITY FORCES DETAINED SEVEN DTPERS WHO JOINED IN DTP'S PROTEST MARCH.

KAHRAMANMARAS - 09.06.09: SECURITY FORCES DETAINED 11 MEMBERS OF THE PRO-KURDISH YDG.

SANLIURFA - 09.04.09: SECURITY FORCES DETAINED A MEMBER OF THE PRO-KURDISH YDG-M.

OTHER:

ERZURUM - 09.10.09: TWO MLK-P MEMBERS (TURKISH COMMUNIST PARTY / MARXIST LENINIST), ARE ON TRIAL FOR "BEING A MEMBER OF A TERROR ORGANIZATION."

IGDIR - 09.07.09: THREE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED OVER PLANS TO ASSASSINATE KURDS. POLICE RAIDED A GROUP OF HOMES, ARRESTING THREE PEOPLE ON CHARGES OF PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE KURDISH POLITICIANS AND BUSINESSMEN AS PART OF EFFORTS TO SABOTAGE THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVE. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, POLICE ARRESTED THREE PEOPLE WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY FORMED A "DEATH SQUAD" TO KILL NOTABLE KURDISH PERSONALITIES. THE RAIDS TOOK PLACE OVERNIGHT AT THE HOMES OF M\CAHIT YALGIN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE IGDIR BRANCH OF THE GREY WOLVES ULTRANATIONALIST GROUP, AND TURAN CEVIK, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE MELEKLI DISTRICT'S GREY WOLVES BRANCH. ALSO SEIZED WAS A KALASHNIKOV RIFLE AND AMMUNITION.

MARDIN - 09.09.09: SECURITY FORCES SEIZED THREE LONG-RANGE RIFLES IN BILGE VILLAGE OF THE MAZIDAGI DISTRICT, WHERE 44 PEOPLE WERE RECENTLY KILLED IN A FAMILY FEUD.

SIIRT - 09.08.09: A CHILD (AGE 14) WAS SENTENCED TO 3.1 MONTHS IN PRISON ON A CHARGE OF "BEING MEMBER OF THE TERROR ORGANIZATION PKK."

TURKEY WIDE - 09.08.09: SECURITY FORCES DETAINED 32 MLKP MEMBERS IN SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN EIGHT SEPARATE PROVINCES INCLUDING ISTANBUL, CANAKKALE ANKARA, IZMIR, BURSA, MALATYA, DIYARBAKIR AND TUNCELI. IT WAS REPORTED THE TERROR ORGANIZATION MLKP WAS IN PREPARATIONS TO CARRYOUT ASSASSINATION AND BOMBING ACTIONS AGAINST OFFICIAL AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. IN ITS SECOND STEP THE MLKP WAS REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO CREATE

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ALEVI-SUNNI AND KURD-TURK CLASH DIYARBAKIR - 09.08.09: TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE RADICAL ISLAMIC VASAT TERROR ORGANIZATION WERE RELEASED IN A COURT DECISION.

MERSIN - 09.04.09: PKK SYMPATHIZERS CARRIED OUT ARSON ACTIONS. FOUR VEHICLES WERE SET ON FIRE BY PKK-ALIGNED APO'S YOUTH INITIATIVE. THE GROUP STATED ITS ATTACKS WOULD CONTINUE. MERSIN - 09.06.09: PANEL OF THE MOBESE CAMERAS (TNP SECURITY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS) WAS ATTACKED BY UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE WITH MOLOTOV COCKTAILS.

KAHRAMANMARAS - 09.06.09: SECURITY FORCES FOUND SEVEN LIGHT ANTI-TANK WEAPONS (MKE/TURKISH MADE), 15 HAND GRENADES (U.S. AND RUSSIAN MADE) AND A SMOKE BOMB.

SIRNAK - 09.04.09: TWO DEAD BODIES, THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SHOT EXECUTION STYLE, WERE FOUND IN KUSTEPE VILLAGE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD BETWEEN THE CIZRE AND IDIL DISTRICTS. KUSTEPE WAS USED BY THE TURKISH HIZBAULLAH AS A BASE AFTER FORCED MIGRATION IN 1991.

ILLEGAL MIGRANTS

14. ILLEGAL MIGRANT ARRESTS:

09 SEPTEMBER - 10 SEPTEMBER 2009: SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED AND DEPORTED 528 ILLEGAL MIGRANTS FROM THE FOLLOWING REGIONS: GREEK BORDER, SYRIAN BORDER, IRANIAN BORDER, IRAQI BORDER, EDIRNE, HAKKARI, AGRI, BALIKESIR, BURSA, KILIS, MUS SIRNAK, BITLIS, VAN, KIRKLARELI, BALIKESIR AND CANAKKALE. SEVEN TURKS, WHO WERE ASSISTING THE ILLEGAL MIGRANTS, WERE ALSO CAPTURED IN THE OPERATIONS

COUNTER-NARCOTIC AND ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS

15. MAJOR CRIMINAL OPERATIONS:

HACI BEG, XYO IN EAST KURDISTAN - 09.10.09: IRANIAN SECURITY FORCES ATTACKED GAS SMUGGLERS WITH LONG-RANGE RIFLES AND ROCKET LAUNCHERS. ALMOST 150 SMUGGLERS, WHO WERE PASSING FROM THE IRANIAN BORDER TO YUKARI TURGALI VILLAGE OF THE OZALP DISTRICT OF VAN, WERE ATTACKED BY IRANIAN FORCES. TWO SMUGGLERS WERE CAPTURED, 11 WERE WOUNDED AND ALMOST 100 HORSES WERE KILLED IN THE ATTACK.

16. COUNTER-NARCOTIC OPERATIONS:

BITLIS - 09.10.09: SECURITY FORCES SEIZED 300 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND DETAINED 27 PEOPLE. ANTI-NARCOTIC OPERATION TO APPREHEND ADDITIONAL PEOPLE IS CONTINUING.

SANLIURFA - 09.10.09: SECURITY FORCES SEIZED 800 GRAMS OF HASHISH AND ONE PERSON WAS ARRESTED.

ELAZIG - 09.10.09: SECURITY FORCES CONFISCATED 12 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH.

DIYARBAKIR - 09.10.09: SECURITY FORCES SEIZED 525 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS AND DETAINED 33 PEOPLE. FOURTEEN DRUG GANGS WERE RAIDED BY SECURITY FORCES IN THE PAST 14 DAYS.

ADANA - 09.09.09: SECURITY FORCES CONFISCATED 35.5 KILOGRAM OF HASHISH AND ARRESTED NINE PEOPLE.

SANLIURFA - 09.08.09: SECURITY FORCES SEIZED 216 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH AND ARRESTED THREE PEOPLE.

DIYARBAKIR - 09.08.09: SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED 46.130 GRAMS OF HASHISH AND DETAINED ONE PERSON.

SANLIURFA - 09.05.09: SECURITY FORCES SEIZED 45 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH AND ARRESTED ONE PERSON.

VAN - 09.04.09: SECURITY FORCES CONFISCATED 68.177 GRAMS OF HASHISH AND TWO TONS OF ACID ANHYDRIDE. TWO PEOPLE WERE DETAINED AND OPERATIONS TO APPREHEND THREE ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS ARE CONTINUING.

SANLIURFA - 09.06.09: SECURITY FORCES CONFISCATED 110.165 GRAMS OF HASHISH AND ARRESTED FOUR PEOPLE.

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